

diffraction @ run I 3

pp2pp and pp main run

- pp2pp dedicated run
 - measurements: elastic/total cross-section and central exclusive diffraction/double pomeron exchange process
 - beam: 4 days with $\beta^*=9\text{m}$ and transverse pol.
 - trigger: tagging protons in both or one side of RP
- pp main run
 - measurements: spin-dependent, independent particle production/meson spectroscopy in central diffraction
 - trigger: rapidity-gap trigger (“UPC” trigger-like): BBC veto + ToF (+BTOW, high-pt)
 - Request $\sim 10\text{ Hz}$ rate (pre-scale of $O(100)$ at $\mathcal{L}=1.5*10^{32}\text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)

Roman Pot Triggers (dedicated run)

Run9 and new in Run13

1. Elastic (collinear ~~&& not.(UpDown.or.InnerOuter)~~)
2. Inelastic (EastOR ~~&& not.(UpDown.or.InnerOuter)~~) && (West...)
3. SDD-W (EastOR && BBC-W)
4. SDD-E (WestOR && BBC-E)
5. CPI (Inelastic && not.Elastic)
6. CP2 (Elastic && ToF)
7. RapidityGap-W (EastOR && not.BBC-W)
8. RapidityGap-E (WestOR && not.BBC-E)

Rapidity gap trigger

with pp main running at $\sqrt{s}=510\text{GeV}$

- Pomeron exchanges dominate when Rapidity gap $\gtrsim 3$
- central diffraction rapidity gap trigger (RGT) used in colliders: CDF, ALICE
- Uniqueness at STAR/RHIC:
 - spin-dependence, wide kinematic coverage
low-t: with Roman Pot high-t: with rapidity gap (+phase2)
- expected to have $\sim 10\text{K}$ Hz “empty”/double rapidity gap events
assuming at $\mathcal{L}=1.5*10^{32}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ and ~ 1 mbarn DPE cross-section
- Request: ~ 10 Hz bandwidth with RGT (BBC Veto + $0 < \text{ToF} \leq \text{mult} \leq 6$)
- If RGT works and bandwidth allows: +BTOW, +High-pt

Rate estimates with RGP

- Cross-sections for the mesons of interest ($f_2(1270), f_0(1500), f_j(1710)...$) are $O(\mu\text{barn})$, which gives $O(1\text{K})$ Hz cross-section rate at $\mathcal{L}=1 \times 10^{32} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ in the mass region.
- Assuming:
 - rapidity gap trigger efficiency ~ 0.1
 - acceptance of decay particles ~ 0.3
 - tracking/pid efficiency ~ 0.5
 - branching ratio $\sim O(10\%)$
 - trigger pre-scale factor $\times 100$ to keep the bandwidth $\sim O(10)\text{Hz}$.
- Then a perfect full day (24 hours) will give ~ 1300 candidates
- 15 weeks of running with 50% of machine efficiency will result $\sim 70\text{K}$ events:
 \Rightarrow possible mass dependent differential / spin-parity analysis

BBC singles/and rates

